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YOU GOTTA QUIT KICKIG

HOUSTON TOWN AROUND.

Last year a progressive farmer to a farm near Yazoo City. At first he thought he would take the step because some of the Yazoo merchants and business men knocked the town and decried hard times, but finally he moved and is now one of the county's most progressive boosters. Inspired by an article in last week's Yazoo Sentinel, the BEST all round paper in Mississippi, this man, John Franklin Bible, wrote the following straight to the point poem published in the Yazoo Sentinel of Dec. 16. We have taken the liberty, with your permission, Mr. Birdsall and Mr. Bible, by wireless, to substitute the name Houston instead of Yazoo as in the poem. We hope it will do great good for the THINKS of kickers and knockers. Get your neighbor to read it.

"In every town some folks keep an ole houn around, And every time strangers come to the town, These keepers of houns go to kicking their town around, And it's worse to kick your town than to kick your houn. To build up trade in Houston town, men must be too profoun

To kick their town around like some folks kick a houn, For no stranger ever wants to locate in a town, That is kicked around like a houn until it is down.

Houston town is the best town anywhere around; Every man is a Prince worthy to wear a crown; Every woman a Queen who won't keep no houn around, For there's no room in Houston town for any ole yaller houn.

If you've nothing to do but keep a houn and kick it around, Just move out, for you're not wanted on Houston town's groun,

For folks ain't got no place and they ain't got no time in Houston town For the man who don't do nothing but yelp like a houn.

It is a mean man who kicks even a houn around, But it's the devil's partner who kicks his town around; Of course it's your privilege to kick around your own houn,

But it hurts like the devil when you kick aroun Houston town.

Now a houn is a houn and a town is a town And neither will grow much when they are kicked aroun.

If you kick your town around just like it is a houn, You won't build up yourself, your trade or your town.

Can't we all get together like men for the good of Houston town

And stop kickin aroun our town like it was a yaller houn?

A hounded town always gets a stranger's frown, And for the Lord's sake let's quit kickin our town around.

We Chickasaw farmers may keep houns to catch coon aroun,

But 'by hokey-pokey' we don't kick aroun our coon houn,

As much as some knockers knock aroun old Houston town;

Even the negroes frown when they hear Houston town knocked around.

Henceforth in the town and the whole country roun, Be good boosters and crow like roosters for Houston town,

Then our town will grow with a boun and get no stranger's frown,

And the LIVEST WIRE IN OLD MISSISSIPPI WILL BE HOUSTON TOWN."

(Mighty good for a boosting farmer, isn't it? Let's all follow his advice.)

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Friday afternoon, the 10th inst., was the December meeting date of Houston's Parent-Teachers Association and promptly at 3 o'clock, in the school auditorium, there gathered a splendidly representative number of members of this association. That each one present had a heart interest in this work was apparent to even a casual observer.

Directed by the pleasant leadership of the club's Pres. Mrs. G. W. Riley, the entire meeting was of that interest that spells importance and success for the work in hand—the work of practical helpfulness.

A special feature of this meeting was a "show" of tea, glasses, plates, cups and saucers, spoons and several needed kitchen articles, given to the Domestic Science Department. So you see this Association deals in plain practicable helpfulness. Indeed its cornerstone is Practicability—the foundation on which all successes are built.

Still working along the line of practicable helpfulness these wide awake women noted the fact that our school building should be more adequately equipped with fire escapes. They spoke their full endorsement of the petition of the W. C. T. U. to our town officers that certain evils in the city that menace the safety of the womanhood of Houston and vicinity. Their civic pride and sense of common cleanliness was voiced in their protest against certain filthy tobacco-juice "doo-dee" corners and crossings. The membership was impressed to buy Red Cross stamps and use on their holiday letters and packages and thus help in building a tuberculosis hospital in Mississippi. But a caution was given to place these stamps on the back of letters and parcels so as to not interfere with the cancelling of postage stamps. The committee who had conferred with the proprietor of our city's moving picture theatre brought the good news that he was willing to cooperate with the people of Houston for a truly moral and instructive show and steps were taken toward the furtherance of the proposed cooperation.

The above matters having been dispensed the specially appointed program was taken up. In this instance it was a discussion of Truthfulness by Mesdames W. A. Wilkinson and Drysdale Moses and Miss Fairy Goza and their thought filled helpful discussion of this vitally-essential attribute of the soul bespoke a heart-familiarity with the subject that struck straight home to the heart of the listeners. In the open discussion that followed the Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Reid, asked Miss Janet Walker to give her observations as to a child's imagination vs truthfulness and Miss Walker responded with citation of personal knowledge of the bearings imagination has on the veracity of children; and she strongly emphasized the fact that this wonderful mind faculty often leads a child to really feel that his or her baby-friction is truly a reality and that it is thought careful training the youthful mind

swings to true balance. Mesdames G. D. Riley and Moses and Miss Fairy Goza cited corroborative incidents that stirred ripples of amusement but the serious tenor again ran uppermost as Mrs. G. W. Riley noted that while we realize that children naturally live largely in the land of imagination we also find many grown-ups who live most and work most in imagination and therefore never really accomplish anything worth while. The program was closed by a lovely piano selection rendered by Miss Annie Pearl Bousley, after which all adjourned to the Domestic Science room where delicious refreshments were served by Miss Margaret Walker as hostess assisted by a number of her classmates. On entering this room the guests admiringly viewed a tasteful, decorative color scheme of green and white and when the young ladies met them with badges—white cards with our state outlined in green and tied with green ribbon—they knew they were thus gracefully asked to participate in observation of Mississippi Day.

A softly voicing of a unanimous "Thank you" to Miss Walker and

other young ladies and Miss Zilda Gladney who is doing such efficient work in this department attested the pleasure of all in this social hour which was reiterated in personal thanks as the guests said evening adues to their entertainers.

Since the writer is to have the pleasant task of trying to tell you of the really big work of and the growing interest in our Parent-Teacher Association she feels inclined to close this report with a "To be continued."

Mrs. Van Rish Dendy,
A. T. Reporter

Percy Nunnally Kills Self With 32 Pistol.

Percy Nunnally the well known young bookkeeper in The Bank of Houka, shot himself thru the heart Monday at 1 p. m. That morning he was very cheerful and nothing could be suspected about his actions to think the awful deed was premeditated. Going home to dinner he ate heartily and went into his room. The shot was heard just a few seconds later. Mrs. J. E. Cobb ran into the room and found Percy dead, flat on back. She naturally went into uncontrollable hysterics and has suffered untold agony in the grief that she bears. He did not leave a note, nor no reason can be given for his act. He was only 30 years old, a good boy—a popular boy among the Houka people. His father, J. H. Nunnally, living in California, was wired of the boy's death.

Percy had never known a mother, and some years ago his father let him live with Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Cobb, who loved the boy as a child of their own. They made home pleasant for him and tried to train him into a useful man for life's duties.

The Bank of Houka, seeing that Percy wanted to learn banking, let him work there for over a year and he was still employed by them at the time of his death. Nothing like misuse of bank money was the cause, for Percy was too honest, and too eager to learn, to think of doing wrong in the bank or in any dealings he ever had with anybody. His honesty and squareness were unquestioned.

The boy's body was taken to Okolona in a truck to catch the 1 p. m. train Tuesday for Booneville, where he will be buried by the side of his mother.

The Hummer and all the surrounding country offer sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and all the relatives living away from Houka.

Big W. O. W. Banquet at Houka

Last Friday night the Woodmen of the World gave a big banquet in the W. O. W. Hall above Howard's drug store. Twelve new members were initiated into the mysterious regions of Mister Billyus Go-at and a general good time was had by every member present. Over 100 were in attendance and feasting feasted and feasted until "full up." The camp is growing rapidly and is doing a great good for the people of Houka. Under the Consulship of Messrs Willie Frank Andrews and Staff Bishop the members can be assured that the camp will prosper as never before.

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